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Chair Pendergrass, Vice Chair Pena-Melnyk, and the Health and Government Operations Committee;

I know many transgender people, and have heard numerous struggles to afford the healthcare necessary to their well-being. I've witnessed their joy and relief when they were finally able to get gender-affirming care after long periods of trying to save money for it. Not being able to access gender-affirming healthcare is emotionally debilitating and demoralizing, and can be dangerous to one's mental health. For these reasons, I urge you to give the Trans Health Equity Act of 2022 a Favorable Report.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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